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Maritime Security Cooperation
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the India's Act East Policy, the Indian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel Sumitra has paid a visit to Sydney, Australia recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the activities undertaken during the said visit;

(c) whether the Government proposes to engage such type of Navy visit with other friendly countries in the future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken / being taken by the Government to enhance maritime security cooperation with other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. INS Sumitra, a Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV), visited Sydney, Australia during 4-7 November 2016. During this visit, INS Sumitra participated in "Festival of India" and undertook activities towards enhancing cooperation and mutual understanding between the two navies such as official calls, reception on board, 'ship open to visitors' and professional interaction between personnel of both the navies.

(c) & (d): Indian Navy regularly deploys ships, submarines and aircrafts to friendly countries on overseas deployment to important regions of the world. Such deployments support foreign policy objectives to build bridges of friendship and strengthen international cooperation, political and defence relations with the friendly countries. Under India's Act East policy, Indian Navy ships and aircrafts are also regularly deployed to the friendly foreign countries in South East Asia, South China Sea and Western / South Pacific. The ships of the Eastern Fleet recently visited the region during the period May to July 2016.

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